

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SUCCESS NORTH DALLAS

### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Success North Dallas as they recently celebrated twenty-five years of success.

Founded in 1988, Success North Dallas started with merely fourteen select individuals. Under the leadership of William M. Wallace, Success North Dallas was created as a high-level connecting and mentor group, providing a forum to support business development and leadership. Over the past twenty-five years, they have met monthly, growing and maturing into an integral part of the North Texas business community. Success North Dallas has provided a forum for key business leaders, bringing together high-profile speakers from city, state, and federal government, major domestic and international corporate executives, and distinguished visionaries to discuss and share their respective businesses. I commend Success North Dallas for fostering and nurturing seventy businesses in North Texas, largely contributing to the region's success in economic development. I am grateful for the positive work Success North Dallas has done to expand and develop the business community in North Dallas.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in expressing our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to Success North Dallas for another twenty-five years of continued success.

HONORING MRS. WILMA GREEN'S  
100TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. MARKWAYNE MULLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2014

Mr. MULLIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my constituent, Mrs. Wilma Green, who celebrated her 100th birthday on February 12, 2014.

Mrs. Green is an Oklahoma native. Her father, Neely Factory, was a Deputy United States Marshall. She has been and continues to be an inspiration to all of her family and friends.

She has been an active member of the community for her entire life, a foster mother to many, and a trusted child caretaker for working parents. She has also received numerous community and religious awards.

Mrs. Green is the kind of person who makes Oklahoma great. I am fortunate to be able to represent her, and I wish her all the best on this special day.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues join me in celebrating Mrs. Wilma Green's 100th birthday, and the many years to come.

UNITED STATES OLYMPIANS  
FROM THIRD DISTRICT OF COLORADO  
TRIBUTE

### HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2014

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the athletes from my home district in Colorado that are competing in the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia. With their dedication, passion, and spirit, these 15 men and women are a fine example of the best of our nation, and they serve as a model for young people around the world. To formally acknowledge their distinction and excellence, I stand to recognize these athletes from Colorado's 3rd district:

Competing in Skiing: Aaron Blunck, Bobby Brown, David Chodounsky, Lyman Currier, Simi Hamilton, Keri Herman, Gus Kenworthy, Heidi Kloser, and Torin Yater;

Competing in Snowboarding: Arielle Gold, Taylor Gold, and Justin Reiter;

Competing in Nordic Combined: Todd Lodwick and Bryan Fletcher;

And competing in the Biathlon: Lanny Barnes.

I am especially proud and honored to have watched one of these fine Coloradans carry the U.S. flag high in the Opening Ceremony of the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics. Todd Lodwick, competing in the Nordic Combined, has inspired athletes from around the U.S. since he began his Olympic career in Lillehammer in 1994. I could not think of a more deserving U.S. athlete to display our flag on this world stage. While I stand to specifically honor the athletes of our Olympic delegation who hail from my home district, I would like to thank every member of Team USA for their continued contribution to their sports and communities.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly an honor to recognize each of these fine athletes. I rise today to thank them for inspiring so many people and congratulate each of them on their truly amazing careers representing the best of America.

TRIBUTE TO DR. DAVID  
GOLLAHER, PRESIDENT AND  
CEO, THE CALIFORNIA  
HEALTHCARE INSTITUTE

### HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2014

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Dr. David Gollaher, Co-Founder and President of the California Healthcare Institute on his twenty-one years of service to CHI as its fearless leader and tireless advocate for the California Life Sciences.

I met David in 1993 when I was first elected to Congress and David was launching CHI.

We forged a true partnership from that time forward to promote biotechnology and assure a vibrant industry which holds such promise for the people of our country and the world.

David has a long and storied career in promoting science in the U.S. Before founding CHI in 1993, he was a senior executive at Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation. Earlier in his career, he served on the faculties of Harvard University, University of California, San Diego, the Graduate School of Public Health at SDSU, and the Overseas School of Rome. He is an award-winning historian of science and medicine, and has written three books and numerous articles in the fields of health policy, the economics of biomedical research and development, bioethics and the history of medicine.

David's leadership at CHI filled a critically important role in educating the public, including Members of Congress, on the importance of innovation and investment in the life sciences. From the creation of a pathway for the approval of biosimilars, to reforms at the FDA to improve patient safety and access to new therapies, David has been my friend, wise counsel, and partner. He will be missed at CHI, and his extraordinary accomplishments will remain his legacy. I shall miss the finest partner I've had and he will always remain the gold standard for his magnificent work and informed advocacy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to Dr. David Gollaher for his exceptional leadership in championing the life sciences, biotechnology, and biomedical research and for guiding policy makers in shaping policies to improve and save the lives of countless Americans. His professionalism, trusted data, and true passion for his work has strengthened our nation and made us better for all he has contributed.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 14, 2014

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to state for the record, because I was unavoidably detained with responsibilities in my district, I was unable to be present to vote on Monday, February 10, 2014. I would have voted in favor of H.R. 2431, to reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System. The record drought facing California right now makes clear that reliable drought assessment and prediction information is critical. This information helps communities, farms and businesses prepare and respond. I would echo my colleague, Ranking Member of the Science, Space and Technology Committee EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, that while it is crucial that we reauthorize NIDIS, we would have liked to see an even more robust authorization level for this important program.

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